

ADDITIONAL SPORT NEWS

CORBETT THINKS BIG SCRAP WILL DRAW \$1,000,000

Dempsey to Get 36 Percent of
Gate and Carpenter 24
Percent.

By JAMES J. CORBETT.
PITTSBURG, Pa., May 24.—All records for championship boxing rights will fall July 2, when Dempsey and Carpenter meet.
The turnstiles will click off a merry million dollar tune. The boxers will earn the biggest dividends in the history of the game and Promoter Tex Rickard will realize a record sum for himself. When one pauses to consider that a man in the public eye should be worth a fair share of what he can attract to the box office, criticism of the financial features of the big fight seems unfair. In the face of conditions existing today and the popularity of the match I do not believe Rickard's guarantee to the fighters is too large. Dempsey will receive 36 per cent for his end.

Carpenter will get 24 per cent. No doubt their shares of the receipts will total well above the \$500,000 originally offered.
Undreamed of Purse.
In the old days of boxing such purses were never dreamed of. The first big purse ever fought for in this country was offered to Peter Jackson and myself, away back in 1891 by the California Athletic club of San Francisco.
This match was made after I fought Choyinski and when the matchmaker of the club approached me I demanded a purse of \$10,000 to be split, \$8,500 to the winner and \$1,500 to the loser. He thought I was crazy. Everybody laughed at me. But the club finally agreed.
I'll never forget that fight for two reasons. In the first place, Jackson and I fought 61 rounds over a period of four hours. Last but not least, I did not get a cent for my efforts.
Beat Out of \$8,500.
When the sixty-first round ended, they declared the bout no contest and I was skinned out of my money. I'm sure that Jackson got paid, for he later suggested a return match before the club. He wouldn't have done that otherwise. Prior to that time, any big money carried off by boxers was the result of side bets. The promoters never dreamed of a \$10,000 purse.

John L. Sullivan and I fought for a purse of \$25,000 and \$20,000 stake money at New Orleans in 1892. In 1897 Fitzsimmons and I drew \$22,000 at Carson City. The date for my bout with Kid McCoy in New York in 1900 was \$56,350 and when Jeff and I fought in San Francisco in 1903 the boxing public turned \$63,340 into the box office.
In those days \$10,000 was big money. It went almost as far as \$50,000 would go today. The cost of living was reasonable and the boxer who carried off "ten grand" was indeed fortunate. So I consider that in many ways I was almost as well paid for several of my fights as the stars of pugilism today. Beginning tomorrow I will take up with my readers a series of discussions of the important fights Carpenter and Dempsey have had. Within a short time I will be with the fighters again and by that time I expect they will be showing something worth while in training.
The pitcher who is a consistent loser is like a man building castles in air—doing a lot of work and getting no results.
President Harding can put his pass to games in the Pacific Northwest league in the same pocket with his ticket to the British open golf championship.

HARD LUCK DRIVER PULLS FOR CHANGE AT SPEEDWAY RACE

Bennie Hill, Who Drives a
Duesenberg, Figures on
Placing in Money.

INDIANAPOLIS, May 24.—"Well, anyway my car will be comfortable," said the diminutive automobile racer, Bennie Hill, as he surveyed his Duesenberg, while preparing for the International 500-mile jaunt for \$100,000 to be held at the Indianapolis Motor speedway, Monday, May 30th.
"I think maybe I'll put a windshield on it and then construct a top on the old boat to keep old Sol from beaming his merciless hot rays down on me," he added—but of course he was fooling. His car is larger than the average, but then its owner, J. A. Thiele, who will ride as mechanician to Hill, will need the space Hill does not use, for Thiele is a big boy.
Racing is the only business Hill is interested in and he says he does not find it overwhelmingly profitable either. But he likes to skate when he has a few moments to spare. Little Bennie has but one pet superstition—he believes that certain numerals painted on his car are lucky—but he won't tell which ones.
Hopes for Luck.
Bennie says that the most thrilling thing that could happen to him on a race course would be to "have his car near the front for a change," and although he has been playing in unusually hard luck, he is looking for better success at Indianapolis. He was one of the first pilots on the job and has been spending a lot of time on his car.
"I know no fear in a race," said Bennie, and then he hurriedly added: "except that I won't finish up among the dough-grabbers. It takes money to live, you know."
Hill was born May 31st, 1892, and started racing when he was 19 years old. His ambition when he was a boy was to be a mechanical engineer, but he could not overcome his desire to drive fast speed creations, so he left Fordham university.
Has Georges Carpenter entered a sanitarium or a training camp?
In the boxing game there are a lot of good hitters and a lot of poor fielders.
Babe Ruth likes to keep baseballs that he slaps for home runs. Some, however, never return from the next county.

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RELATES LIFE AS OPERATOR OF FOX RANCH ON ISLAND

Halferty Tells of Living in
Ugah—Olsen, Partner,
There 23 Years.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 24.—A former "sourdough" miner and a shipwrecked sailor are proprietors of one of the most unique "farms" in the north country, raising silver grey foxes on the Island of Ugah, six miles off Kodiak Island, in the Pacific ocean, near the Alaskan coast.

Z. T. Halferty went to Alaska during the gold rush of '97, and after experiencing various shades of fortune decided that fox farming is a better method of making money than mining. Gus Olson, his partner, arrived at Ugah Island on a bit of driftwood after being shipwrecked in 1898, and has never left the north land.

The two bought the entire island, consisting of about 50,000 acres, seven years ago and "planted" three pairs of silver grey foxes. These have multiplied until 60 pairs now roam their land, and within two years the two "old timers" expect to sell 50 pelts each spring.

Halferty arrived in Portland a short time ago with 16 pelts to be disposed of, and will return to Alaska in a few weeks. They expect to make their permanent home in Ugah.

Halferty is United States commissioner at Kodiak, and Olsen now does most of the work on the ranch.

"For 10 months of the year he is the only human inhabitant of the island," said Halferty. "But it is a life he loves."

Acts as Policeman.
"Our main trouble is with crows," Halferty continued. "They swoop down and carry away the fox pups when they are too young and too small to protect themselves. Olson devotes most of his time in the spring and early summer to killing these crows. This spring we shipped 65 pairs of eagle claws to Juneau, for which we received 50 cents each in bounty. Olsen spends the rest of his time patrolling the island against native hunters who attempt to land and trap the animals we are farming."

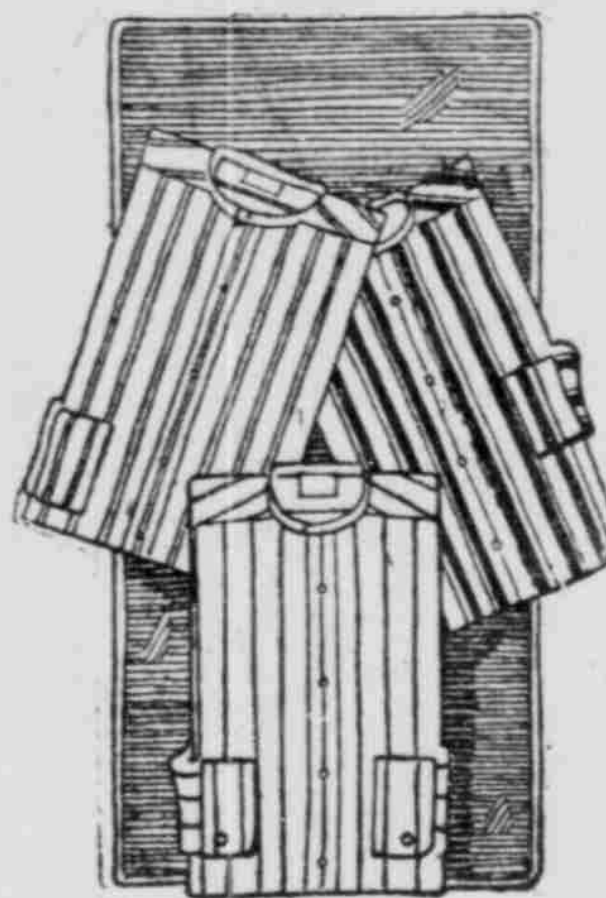
One might get the idea that these animals are domesticated, but they wander over the island at will, and must be trapped just as though they didn't live on a farm.
One Pair Worth \$1,500.

"We hired two native trappers during the winter," Halferty explained, "paying them \$50 a month and \$5 a pelt bonus in addition to their board. Thus far we have not been compelled to feed the foxes, as the island is well stocked with game and fish drift into shore with the cross currents. When a large whale goes ashore it provides food for the foxes for at least six months."

At present market quotations a pair of young silver grey foxes, alive, are worth \$1,500, Halferty said. Native Indians capture the fox pups and raise them from spring until fall when they are old enough to sell and place on the farm. The animals mate during February and the young are born in May.

There is only one other fox farm in Alaska, on Middleton Island, near Valdez. It is the larger of the two, but Halferty hopes within a few years to raise as many bears of Midway's fur as the Middleton island farm.

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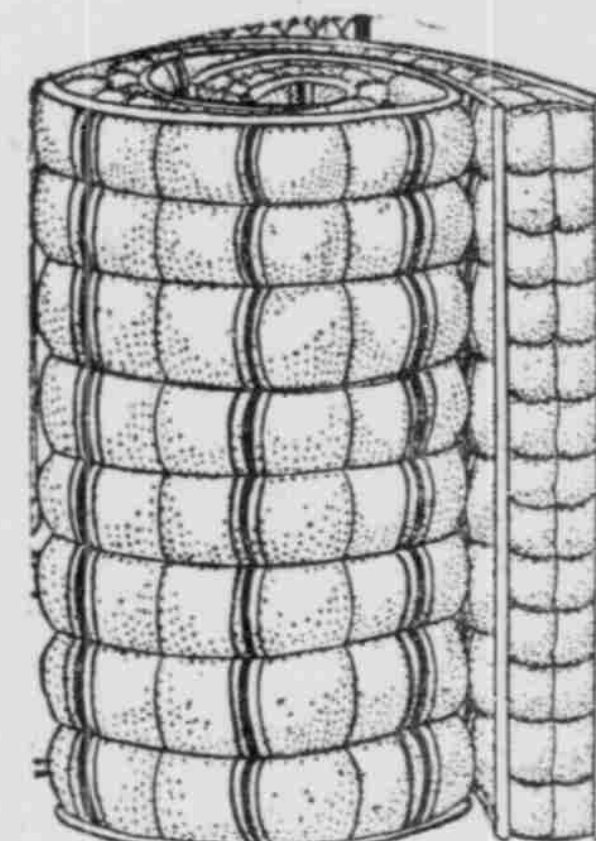
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